

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
INSURANCE**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Insurance was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Mortimer, Hood, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Members absent/excused: Reps. David Law, Adamini.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting. Representative Farrah supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 736 before the committee.

SB 736 Goschka Corrections; jails; expense of inmate medical care; require sheriff to draw on inmate's health care policy before county is charged.

Senator Mike Goschka, sponsor of SB 736, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Brad Comment of the Michigan Association of Counties.

Phil Hoffman of the Michigan Sheriff's Association.

Bill Burke of the Michigan Association of Health Plans.

David Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

The Chair laid HB 5387 before the committee.

HB 5387 Dillon Insurance; health; catastrophic medical coverage task force; provide for.

Representative Andy Dillon, sponsor of HB 5387, testified in support of the bill.

Wendy Hofmeyer of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce testified on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The Chair returned to the consideration of SB 736.

Representative Condino moved to report SB 736 with recommendation. Representative Hood supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Mortimer, Hood, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair returned to consideration of HB 5387.

Ellen Hoekstra of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 547 testified in support of the bill.

Louise Somalski of the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan testified in support of the bill.

Krystal Rourke and Fran Wallace of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The Chair laid HR 162 before the committee

HR 162 Sheen A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to oppose the State Modernization and Regulatory Transparency (SMART) Act.

Representative Fulton Sheen, sponsor of HR 162, testified in support of the bill.

Jim Miller of the Michigan Insurance Coalition submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to report HR 162 with recommendation. Representative Condino supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Mortimer, Hood, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair returned to consideration of HB 5387.

Representative Hood offered the following amendments to HB 5387:

1. Amend page1, line 10, after “**FOLLOWING**” by striking out “**9**” and inserting “**10**”.

2. Amend page 2, following line 6, by inserting:

“(D) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS WHO SELF FUND FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.” and re-lettering the remaining subdivisions.

Representative Hood moved to adopt the amendments. Representative Condino supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Mortimer, Hood, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Hildenbrand offered the following amendment to HB 5387:

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after **“GOVERNOR”** by inserting **“WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE”**.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Condino supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Mortimer, Hood, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Farrah moved to report HB 5387 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). Representative Condino supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 11-3-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Emmons, Ball, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Hood, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: Reps. Robertson, Sheen, Mortimer.

Pass: None.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to excuse the absence of Representatives David Law and Adamini. Representative Farrah supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Representative Joe Hune, Chair_____

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